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SUBJ: ANTI-BRITISH DEMONSTRATIONS AT AKROTIRI SBA

1. WE HAVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS OF 2130 HOURS LOCAL
FROM BRITISH SOURCES.

2. LATE THIS AFTERNOON CROWD OF EXTREMELY BELLIGERENT
GREEK CYPRIOTS ATTACKED OUTER CHECKPOINT OF AKROTIRI SBA T
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ITISH VEHICLES. LUARZS HELD OFF CHARGE,

WHICH FAILED# CROWD CHARGED BACQ AND GUARDS USEE PS GAS.

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IT INTO TWO PARTS, ONE STAYING AT CHECKPOINT,

OTHER MOVING PAST TO MAIN VEHICLE GATE.

3. UNITED NATIONS VEHICLE EXITING SBA HIT AND FATALLY INJURED EIGHTEEN YEAR-OLD CYPRIOT GIRL. CROWD ATTACKED. ONE OF UN OCCUPANTS WAS SEVERELY INJURED BY CROWD, AND VEHICLE WAS BURNED.

4. OTHER BRITISH VEHICLES ON AKROTIRI-LIMASSOL ROAD HAVE BEEN ATTACKED AND BURNED. LOSSES THUS FAR ARE: THREE SEDANS, TWO EACH FOUR-TON TRUCKS, TWO EACH TEN-TON TRACTOR TRAILERS LOADED WITH BRITISH DEPENDENTS GEAR, PLUS TWO LANDROVERS IN TROODOS (UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION) DESTROYED BY FIRE. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO UN VEHICLE WE BELIEVE.

5. CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY 200 PERSONS NOW CONTROLS INTERSECTION ON LIMASSOL ROAD NEAR NEW PORT. BRITISH ROYAL SCOTS UNIT CONDUCTING "PEACEFUL OPERATION" TO CLEAR ROAD. ANOTHER MILITARY PARTY ATTEMPTING TO CLEAR AKROTIRI GATE.

6. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS BEEN CALLED IN TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. BRITISH ARE STILL PLANNING TO GO AHEAD WITH AIRLIFT BEGINNING TOMORROW. THEY ARE EXPECTING VERY STICKY SITUATION WHEN CYPRIOT IS BURIED AT LIMASSOL. THEIR PRIMARY CONCERN, HOWEVER, IS KEEPING ROAD BETWEEN REFUGEE AREA AND AKROTIRI AIRSTRIP OPEN, SINCE THIS IS TRIP OF APPROXIMATELY TEN MILES THROUGH OPEN COUNTRY WHICH COULD BE SUBJECT TO INTERFERENCE AT NUMEROUS SPOTS.
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